

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 1, 2019

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N Main, Suite 200, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley answered roll call. Councilman Smith was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2010 Budget** – The meeting was opened for a public hearing on the 2020 budget. Copley explained that cuts have been made as follows: \$\$371,285.00 from advertised budget, \$404,162.00 reduced from 2019 budget. We have included a 1% pay raise. Berkemeier ask if we would be having a workshop. Pavey said we can or we can talk to Council members who may have questions. Pavey said the department heads have been extremely responsible. As of today we do not have a balanced budget. Pavey said the possibility of a storm water utility or trash fee continues to rise. He said we also need to look at insurance. Currently we are performing very well as far as the health insurance is concerned. Pavey noted that the EMS is currently running with a balance. We need to make sure we are attributing the right numbers from this fund vs the general fund. Berkemeier moved to close the public hearing. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Thanked everyone for their help with homecoming and the Willkie Day festivities
2. We had a meeting on the Taff building. We are getting final prices. The budget meets the scope of the project.
3. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we went to Muncie for the Now Entering Program.
4. Attended fishing and fun at Steve McCorckle's.
5. Mayor Barton from Crawfordsville will be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. We have a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss levee recertification.
7. 29<sup>th</sup> is the Indot quarterly meeting.
8. 30<sup>th</sup> we start the mentorship program.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Resolution 2019-31 Temporary Loan** - Copley asked Council to consider the resolution for a temporary loan. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-31. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Councilman Bridges said he was happy to see the futsal court being used.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – The Board of Works approved the LPA consulting contract for the trail and trail head. They also approved the Duke contract for the Morgan Street lighting and trail head.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Councilman Cameron reported that the 2019 concert series is over. They will start looking at next year's series. Pavey said with the construction going on in that area next year we may have some issues to deal with.
- **APC/BZA** – Clark said she attended the Indiana Fire Chief's banquet and Chief Jenkins was nominated Fire Chief of the year.
- **City Center** – The sound system will be installed this week.
- **Housing** – It was decided to bring equipment in off of Spencer Street, therefore they will not need another entrance.
- **ECDC** – We have a site visit tomorrow with Project Local. Pavey said there was an article in the local newspaper last week regarding the Cormo project. We have signed a confidentiality statement, but we continue talking to them. The project continues to move and morph. We have met with everything they have asked for.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are moving forward. The Board of Works is doing their scoring to see who will do the construction administration.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Officer Faw. They received 24 applications for the position and 19 have confirmed to go through the testing.

The care packages have been placed in the vehicles. We have handed out the first package.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Munson reported that they completed the ladder testing. A cracked bucket on the aerial was found. It is under warranty and will be repaired.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said heavy trash has been going very well. He thanked the Park Department for use of the flatbed and their help. He also thanked the City Utilities for their help.

**Animal** – Director Cottrell presented a new reporting system. It is a nonprofit called Shelter Animals Count. She said this will give better access to grants. Council requested a copy of the report by email on a quarterly basis.

**Park** - Director Burklow said the futsal court was opened last Saturday with approximately 300 people attending. They have scheduled a tournament for October 26, and it is already filled.

The opening for disc golf is scheduled for October 12 at 9:00 a.m.

They will be picking out trees to be planted at the CJD Park and hope to plant them October 15<sup>th</sup>.

This year they will not have the usual Halloween parade. They will be handing out candy at the South Veteran's Park.

Berkemeier said he would like to commend Director Burklow and all others involved for their dedication in the completion of the futsal court.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Street Lights South of Town** – We continue to contact the City residents in the area.
2. **CCMG Update:**
  - a. **8<sup>th</sup> Street** – The area was pot holed. It was expected to see an old storm water tile, but only found remnants. It is hopeful that construction will begin next week. The Board of Works approved a contract change for less compacted fill which saves \$6,200.00.
  - b. **Mill & Resurface** – Complete.
  - c. **Crack Seal** – Complete.
3. **Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking Ordinance Revision** – We are waiting on Councilman Smith to return from his honeymoon so we can meet for discussion.
4. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements** – The Mayor is waiting on an editable version.
5. **Ordinance 2019-19 Mobile Food Truck Permits** – Mayor Pavey asked Council if they want a fee associated with the permit. Berkemeier said he thought there should be some sort of fee. Bridges agreed, but said he does not want to hold anybody up and we

don't want to make it cost prohibitive. Pavey said we will get pricing from other communities. Cameron moved to table. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Trane Abatement** –Nothing.

**CLAIMS AND AUGUST 2019 BANK RECONCILIATION** – Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and August 2019 bank reconciliation as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.